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The National Vegetable Oil Administration of China operated a refinery in Chung Chao Tze, a village about eight miles west of Kweiyang (26°35'N, 106°43'E). At this plant tung oil was refined into gasoline and diesel fuel. The tung oil was dried and made into a lime soap which was destructively distilled into a crude oil which was refined. The plant was built to produce 10 thousand gallons of crude per month but never was able to go above about nine thousand. It employed about 120 to 130 men with three to five qualified engineers. Coal was used for fuel. A small electric generator furnished the needed power. The plant produced four drums of crude for every five drums of tung oil. The quantity of gasoline or diesel produced depended upon the demands. The product was of low quality but usable. Such an installation is only economically sound when it is impossible to export the tung oil and import gasoline and diesel fuels.

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